

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A printing device, which allows reductions in weight and space while ensuring excellent stability of the device, has a medium conveyance section on which a workpiece such as a fabric can be set in position, a fixed side structure for supporting same, and a head for performing printing onto the workpiece. When the power supply to the device is switched off, the medium conveyance section is positioned so as to be contained within the length of the fixed side structure, in the direction of movement of the medium conveyance section (storage position). When a workpiece is set in position on, or removed from, the medium conveyance section, the medium conveyance section is positioned so as to project partially to one side from the length of the fixed side structure (workpiece setting and removing position). During a printing operation onto the workpiece, the medium conveyance section is controlled so as to move from the position where it projects partially to one side (workpiece setting and removing position), to a position where it projects partially to the other side (position immediately prior to printing), and return again to the position where it projects partially to the one side (workpiece setting and removing position).